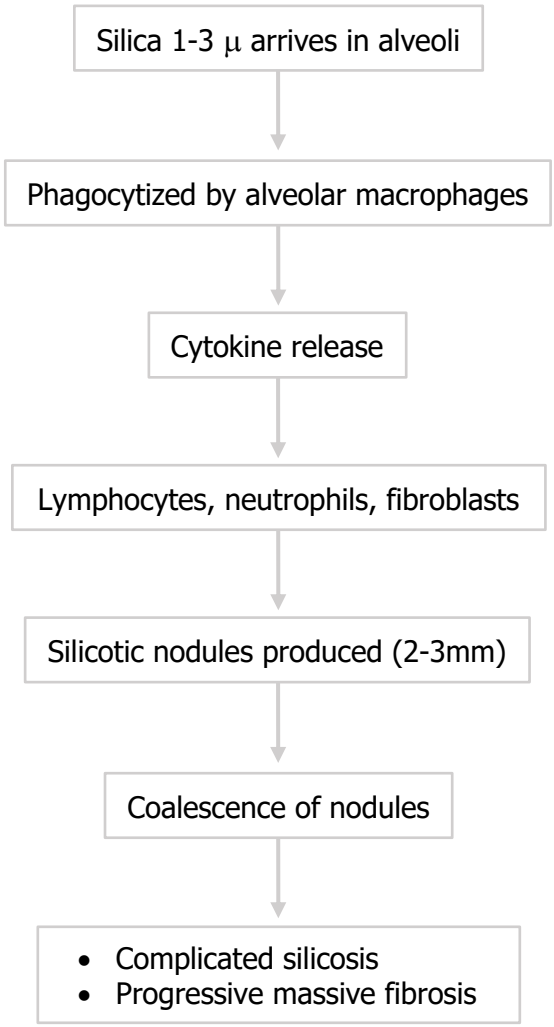
Silica 1-3 μ arrives in alveoli
Phagocytized by alveolar macrophages
Cytokine release
Lymphocytes, neutrophils, fibroblasts
Silicotic nodules produced (2-3mm)
Coalescence of nodules
Complicated silicosis
Progressive massive fibrosis